

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on April 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 508

Executive Action: SB 508

00:00:05 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 508

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 508, Revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:36 Brenda Nordlund, Acting Administrator, Motor Vehicle
Division, Department of Justice
00:19:13 Tom Butler, Captain, Montana Highway Patrol
00:19:45 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers
00:20:15 John Mudd, Executive Council, State Auditor
00:20:43 Dean Roberts
00:22:29 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
00:26:19 John Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group
00:27:18 Bruce Spencer, Property Causality Insurance
Association; Montana Automobile Dealers Association
00:27:52 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
00:29:35 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
00:32:10 Barry 'Spook' Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:32:34 Brenda Nordlund, speaking on behalf of Gayle Lambert,
MCE Administrator, Department of Corrections

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:37 Rep. Berry
00:33:47 Chairman Sonju
00:34:04 Sen. Brueggeman
EXHIBIT (trh75a01)
00:35:32 Chairman Sonju
00:35:54 Sen. Brueggeman
00:37:42 Rep. Berry
00:38:08 Mr. Mudd
00:38:32 Sen. Brueggeman
00:39:25 Chairman Sonju
00:39:46 Sen. Brueggeman
00:40:43 Rep. Taylor
00:41:01 Sen. Brueggeman
00:41:32 Rep. Taylor
00:41:37 Sen. Brueggeman

00:41:48 Rep. Taylor
00:42:10 Ms. Nordlund
00:43:02 Mr. Butler
00:43:43 Chairman Sonju
00:44:25 Sen. Brueggeman
00:46:55 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:03 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 508

00:50:00 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 508 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:50:26 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 508 BE AMENDED**
(refer to Exhibit 1).

Discussion:

00:50:46 Ms. Weiss

00:52:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilson, Rep. Arntzen and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

00:53:15 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 508 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:53:30 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 508 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh75a02)

Discussion:

00:53:42 Ms. Weiss

00:54:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep. Berry voting no. Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Wilson and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

00:55:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 508 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson, Rep. Arntzen and Rep. Kottel voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

00:56:45 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Document:

EXHIBIT ([trh75a03](#)) Correspondence from Gayle Lambert regarding SB 508.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh75aad.pdf](#))